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ABSTRACT

This bibliography contains 89 citations for books intended to provide children with an understanding of and an appreciation for the people, customs, history, geography, art, and folklore of Latin America, Spain, and those of Hispanic heritage in the United States. Users of the bibliography are urged to use guidelines of the National Council on Interracial Books for Children to screen all books. Many of the books listed are over 20 years old. Efforts to locate appropriate children's books were very difficult and disappointing. Each entry includes author name(s), publishing year, the title, and the publisher. (KS)

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TEACHING ABOUT HISPANIC AMERICANS

Books for Children

"It's not fair." One of his friend asked him *what* wasn't fair. Luis shook his head, and could only say; "Everything." No one felt it necessary to ask that he be more specific.

When a boy like Luis has made that kind of remark, he has indicated a judgment about life in general and himself in particular. He has declared himself part of a landscape of hopelessness and injustice. He has decided that he is entitled to go beyond his own experiences and arrive at a more general statement about the world - his world. In so doing, he obviously sets severe limits on the amount of luck that is possible, and he states his conviction that the future is quite predictable not only for the person he knows best, himself, but for others like him. There is a decisiveness to his remark, a lack of qualification that becomes a finality; "everything". Nor would he hesitate to make a few sweeping sociological or psychological generalizations about others. He knows, already, the condition of his "people," the nature of his fate. When challenged, and he has been, the result is a brittle truncation: this I ***do*** know, and best not to differ with me.

From: Coles, R. (1977). Eskimos, Chicanos, Indians (Volume IV of Children of Crisis). Boston, MA: Little, Brown.
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The following books have been cited by authorities in the field as "books intended to provide children with an understanding of and an appreciation for the people, customs, history, geography, art, and folklore of Latin America, Spain, and those of Hispanic heritage in the United States". As such, they are not limited to books about Mexican-Americans, but have broader application.

In my attempt to compile this list from accepted and reasonably recent resources, I was struck with how many older books were cited. Are the reviews of children's books not current? Are there too few new books? Did I not dig deep enough? Do teachers need to take precautions with the use of the older books? I don't have good answers to these questions. However, I would strongly urge teachers to use guidelines (National Council on Interracial Books for Children) to screen all books. Many of the books cited below are at least twenty years old - the world has changed. It is remarkable that a reasonably rigorous effort to locate appropriate children's books was so very difficult and disappointing.

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